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OBSERVATION: Reference Marine pilot observation of balloons in Wonsan area reported FEAF Intsum 651, 8 Apr 52, this Hqs has received no previous report of the sighting or use of such balloons. An F-4 report recently received (D/I 5 AF, IR-17-52, 6 Mar 52) stated that "Globe-shaped orange-colored objects" recently reported sighted by UN aircraft were in reality a type of WW II Japanese balloon to be elevated "to frighten UN planes from areas", and were being manufactured in Manchuria. One possible explanation of the presently reported sightings, if accurately described, could be that the enemy is experimenting with a new defense measure against low-level UN interdiction efforts. However, the size of the balloons (10-15 ft. in diameter) would seem to preclude any great altitude capability.